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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CHAIRMAN OLIVIER LONG'S  
SUMMING-UP AT TNC MEETING OF JULY 16, 1975

QUOTE

I WILL NOT ATTEMPT A DETAILED SUMMARY, BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD NOT  
BE VERY USEFUL, BUT RATHER TO IDENTIFY THE MAIN POINTS WHICH SEEM  
TO ME TO HAVE EMERGED FROM THE DISCUSSIONS-POINTS OF CONVERGENCE AND  
ALSO POINTS OF DIVERGENCE. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THERE SHOULD  
BE POINTS OF DIVERGENCE, SINCE WE ARE ONLY IN THE FIFTH  
MONTH OF A FAR-REACHING AND COMPLEX NEGOTIATION WHICH WILL CONTINUE  
FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

FIRST OF ALL, THE COMMITTEE HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THE REPORTS BY THE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUPS ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE'S SUBSIDIARY  
BODIES.

NEXT, I FEEL THERE IS A SHARED CONVICTION THAT, IN THE FACE OF THE  
CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ACCELERATE THE  
NEGOTIATIONS AND TO REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO CARRY THEM FORWARD.

SOME REPRESENTATIVES HAVE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT, GIVEN THE SCOPE  
AND COMPLEXITY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE BEGINNING ALREADY MADE CAN ON  
THE WHOLE BE CONSIDERED AS RELATIVELY SATISFACTORY.

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ON THE OTHER HAND SOME DELEGATIONS, SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,  
HAVE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT WHAT THEY REGARD AS LIMITED PROGRESS

IN PARTICULAR IN AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THEM, SUCH AS SPECIAL  
PROCEDURES FOR NEGOTIATION, DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT, IDENTIFICATION OF  
AREAS IN WHICH DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE

FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE  
GENERALIZED SYSTEM

OF PREFERENCES. WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO BE EXHAUSTIVE, I  
MERELY MENTION SOME EXAMPLES OF WHAT I HAVE HEARD IN THIS CONNECTION  
AND THE DELEGATIONS WHICH VOICED THESE REGRETS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS  
HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS SITUATION SHOULD BE REMEDIED IN COMING  
WORK OF THE GROUPS.

EVERYONE SEEMS TO AGREE THAT, WHILE BEING FULLY AWARE OF THE FEELING  
OF FRUSTRATION ON THE PART OF SOME THAT I HAVE JUST MENTIONED, THE  
WORK OF THE GROUPS SHOULD BE PRESSED FORWARD IN THE MONTHS AHEAD WITH  
RENEWED VIGOUR.

THERE WAS ALSO, IT SEEMS TO ME, BROAD AGREEMENT THAT CONCRETE PRO-  
GRESS SHOULD BE MADE IN THE GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD  
ON ISSUES THAT CAN LEAD TO BALANCED AND GLOBAL PROGRESS, HAVING  
REGARD TO THE OBJECTIVES LAID DOWN IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION RELATING  
TO THE TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT ANY  
SUCH CONCRETE RESULTS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS COULD TAKE A NUMBER  
OF DIFFERENT FORMS.

IN THE PROGRESS WHICH EVERYONE HOPES WILL THUS BE MADE, MANY DELE-  
GATIONS EXPECT FULL ACCOUNT TO BE TAKEN OF THEIR CONCERN TO SEE  
SPECIAL PROCEDURES ELABORATED FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND  
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND FOR DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES TO BE IDENTIFIED  
IN FAVOUR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

IN ADDITION, MANY DELEGATIONS HAVE STRESSED THE NEED FOR CONCRETE  
RESULTS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS, AND THESE DELEGATIONS HAVE ASKED THAT  
EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO  
ACHIEVE SUCH CONCRETE RESULTS BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS CONSIDER IT BOTH DESIRABLE AND  
FEASIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT IN THE MONTHS AHEAD ON A GENERAL FORMULA  
FOR TARIFF REDUCTION, AND IN THIS RESPECT A NUMBER OF DEVELOPING  
COUNTRIES HAVE ADDED THAT SUCH A FORMULA SHOULD AFFORD THEM THE  
POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS. IN THIS  
RESPECT ALSO, REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOKYO  
DECLARATION CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE  
GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES.

A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS HAVE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR PROGRESS IN  
AREAS SUCH AS NON-TARIFF MEASURES, THE SECTOR APPROACH, AND SAFEGUARDS  
IN ORDER TO ENSURE

GLOBAL AND BALANCED PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AS A WHOLE.

AS REGARDS AGRICULTURE, IT IS MY FEELING THAT THE GENERAL VIEW IS THAT THE SUB-GROUPS ON GRAINS, MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS ARE PROGRESSING AS SATISFACTORILY AS ONE CAN REASONABLE HOPE, AND EVERYONE AGREES THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO FURTHER THIS PROGRESS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, MANY DELEGATIONS HAVE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR A RAPID SOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES OF OPINION REGARDING PROCEDURE THAT EXIST AS BETWEEN SOME DELEGATIONS, SO THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN REALLY GET UNDER WAY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OTHER THAN THOSE AT PRESENT COVERED IN THE THREE SUB-GROUPS.

AS REGARDS THE QUESTION OF SUPPLIES, SECURITY OF SUPPLIES, ACCESS TO SUPPLIES, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAVE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO THESE MATTERS, WHILE SOME OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THESE QUESTIONS IN SOME OF THE GROUPS ALREADY ESTABLISHED; OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE STATED THAT THEY NEED ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS ON THE REAL NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH, IN THEIR VIEW, SHOULD BE EXAMINED IN RELATION TO OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT SOME EXPLANATORY AND EXPLORATORY WORK IS STILL NEEDED HERE.

MENTION HAS ALSO BEEN MADE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OF THE REFERENCE IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION, PARAGRAPH 9, TO "IMPROVEMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF WORLD TRADE". IT WAS NOTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THE WORK IN SOME OF THE GROUPS DEALS OR COULD DEAL WITH CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THIS QUESTION, BUT WORK WILL BE NEEDED ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THIS QUESTION "IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS" - TO QUOTE THE TOKYO DECLARATION ONCE MORE.

THIS IS, I THINK, WHAT I CAN SAY AFTER LISTENING TO YOU. I HAVE NOT TRIED TO COVER EVERY POINT, BUT MERELY TO SINGLE OUT, AS I HAVE ALREADY SAID, THE POINTS OF CONVERGENCE OR DIVERGENCE THAT HAVE EMERGED FROM YOUR DISCUSSIONS.

CLEARLY THERE IS STILL A GREAT DEAL TO BE DONE-WHICH IS NOT SURPRISING SINCE YOU ARE ONLY IN THE INITIAL STAGE OF YOUR NEGOTIATIONS. EQUALLY CLEARLY, THERE ARE SOME POINTS ON WHICH SPECIAL EFFORTS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE IN THE COMING MONTHS, AND I HAVE MENTIONED SOME OF THESE POINTS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE CONCERNING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THEIR REQUESTS.

IT REMAINS FOR ME TO WISH YOU MORE INTENSIVE PREPARATORY WORK AND, AS EVERYONE UNDOUBTEDLY HOPES, MORE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN THE SECOND PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH IS TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.

LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK WHETHER WE COULD ENVISAGE A MEETING OF

THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE ON 9 DECEMBER 1975. I SAY "ENVISAGE".

INDEED, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO FIX HERE AND NOW A DATE WITH  
REFERENCE TO WHICH THE MEETINGS OF THE GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS, AND  
YOUR OWN PREPARATORY WORK, COULD BE ORGANIZED AS RATIONALLY AS POSS-  
IBLE. IT IS ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD, OF COURSE, THAT THIS COMMITTEE IS A  
STANDING BODY WHICH CAN BE CONVENED AS AND WHEN NECESSARY. END QUOTE  
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